



Mr. James Thurston Christian Jr.

August 31, 1938 - January 25, 2020

James Thurston Christian, Jr. was born in Rusk County on August 31, 1938, to James Thurston and Shirley Dair Latham Christian. He went home to be with his Lord on January 25, 2020, at Hospice of East Texas in Tyler.

James attended the Crim's Chapel School through the second grade then transferred to Henderson where he graduated from Henderson High School in 1956. He worked as a tool and die machinist for LeTourneau in Longview for 36 years before retiring. He enjoyed raising cattle, hunting, fishing and camping with friends.

James served for many years on the Crim's Chapel Cemetery board and was instrumental in organizing the Crim's Chapel Volunteer Fire Department as a charter member.

As a boy, he was baptized at Gene Rogers Lake in the Crim's Chapel community. James was an ordained deacon serving at First Baptist Church of Crim's Chapel and Forest Home Baptist Church.

Greeting James in heaven are his parents, James Thurston and Shirley Dair Latham Christian and siblings Wayman Walter Christian, Hershel Dean Christian and Johnny Mack Christian.

Celebrating James' 81 years of life are his wife of 51 years, Judith Arlene Christian of Henderson, son and daughter-in-law Milton and Angie Christian of Henderson, daughter and son-in-law Jenny and Robert Floyd of Henderson, grandchildren Ashley and Sam Jones of Arp, Alaina and Kasey Newman of Henderson, Kyle Christian of Henderson, Ross Floyd of Henderson, and Philip Floyd of Henderson, along with many nieces, nephews, and extended family members.

Funeral services for Mr. Christian will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 29, 2020, in the chapel at Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home with Bro. Tommy Marshall officiating. Interment will follow at Crim's Chapel Cemetery under the direction of Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home.

The family will receive friends prior to the service from 12-2 p.m. on Wednesday, January 29, at the funeral home.

Pallbearers will be Kyle Christian, Ross Floyd, Philip Floyd, Charles Gillis, Kevin Williams, and Craig Christian. Honorary pallbearers will be the deacons of Forest Home Baptist Church.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial donations be made in James' name to Crim's Chapel Cemetery Association, P.O. Box 1542, Henderson, TX 75653 or an organization of your choice.

Words of comfort may be shared with the family at www.crawfordacrim.com.

Cemetery Details

Crims Chapel Cemetery

6959 SH-322
Henderson, TX 75652

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **29**. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home
1414 S. Main St
Henderson, TX 75654

Service

JAN **29**. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Henderson, TX 75654

Tribute Wall



“ Crawford A.Crim Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. James Thurston Christian Jr.



Crawford- A.Crim Funeral Home - January 28, 2020 at 10:18 AM

NS

James will be remembered very fondly. Nancy Rogers Salem

Nancy Rogers Salem - January 29, 2020 at 01:23 PM

CH

“ *I would not have known about his death except for his grandson Derek Nail's family tree....Karen Christian, his first daughter , Derek's mother.....wish they could have met*

cathie ingram hedrick - August 18, 2021 at 08:28 PM

CH

“ *James was SO good to me back in 1959 after my parents and brother were killed in a car wreck. He stepped in and became my dad.....then my sister divorced him and I was once again lost.....I did contact him a few years ago just to tell him 'thank you'....I loved him so much but was told I could no longer have a relationship with him.....I was so sorry I didn't know about his death.....I would have loved to have met his other children besides by niece*

cathie ingram hedrick - August 18, 2021 at 08:25 PM

ED

“ Elaine Franklin Davis lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Thurston Christian Jr.



Elaine Franklin Davis - January 30, 2020 at 09:51 AM

CC

“ My daddy was always so appreciative of Mr. Christian checking in on him after his stroke & making sure he was ok if he missed church. He was so sweet to my daddy (Clarence Powell “Butch”).

Cindy Crenshaw - January 29, 2020 at 11:12 PM

WJ

“ Wayne Jimmerson lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Thurston Christian Jr.



Wayne Jimmerson - January 29, 2020 at 06:42 PM

CC

“ Chris Cross lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Thurston Christian Jr.



Chris Cross - January 29, 2020 at 02:00 PM

LI

“ *Ricky & Liz Thrasher*



Liz&Ricky - January 29, 2020 at 10:56 AM

RD

“ *Rodney and Robin Davis*

robin davis - January 29, 2020 at 10:55 AM

MC

“ *Melissa Clayton lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Thurston Christian Jr.*



Melissa Clayton - January 28, 2020 at 09:13 PM

LW

“ *Lee And Cindy Watson lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Thurston Christian Jr.*



Lee and Cindy Watson - January 28, 2020 at 06:05 PM

JY

“ I would like to extend my deepest condolences to the family. It was an immense pleasure and honor to be able to care for Mr. Christian during his times here at Autumn Leaves. I enjoyed every minute I had the opportunity to spend with him. I pray that God wraps his arms around you and that you can find some comfort during your time of grief.

Jessica Young - January 28, 2020 at 04:58 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Life Tributes



Crawford- A.Crim Funeral Home - January 28, 2020 at 03:22 PM

TW

“ Tracie Washington-Jones lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Thurston Christian Jr.



Tracie Washington-Jones - January 28, 2020 at 12:42 PM

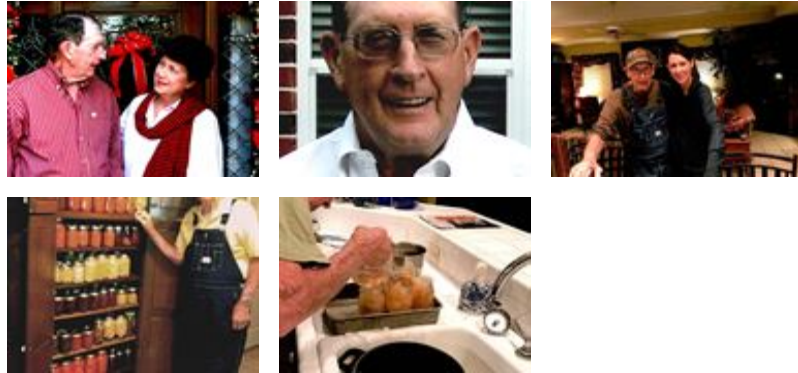
DP

“ So sorry to hear about James. He was always so thoughtful and supportive of all our family. He will certainly be missed. Sending love and prayers to you all, Dianne & Travis

Dianne Phillips - January 28, 2020 at 11:54 AM



“ 61 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Crawford- A.Crim Funeral Home - January 28, 2020 at 10:21 AM

CB

“ *Cyndy Cates Broadus lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Thurston Christian Jr.*



Cyndy Cates Broadus - January 27, 2020 at 11:45 PM

GG

“ *Greg And Melinda Gibson lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Thurston Christian Jr.*



Greg and Melinda Gibson - January 27, 2020 at 10:26 PM

JC

“ Jake Christian lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Thurston Christian Jr.



Jake Christian - January 27, 2020 at 10:45 AM

MS

“ Our prayers are for you and your family during this time of sorrow. James was a good man who will be greatly missed.



Margaret Sumrall

Margaret sumrall - January 27, 2020 at 09:00 AM

NS

“ So "sorry" to learn of James 💔 God be with the family in a special way during your time of loss. Nancy Rogers Salem

Nancy Rogers Salem - January 27, 2020 at 02:16 AM

LA

“ Larry, Michelle & Colton Akin lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Thurston Christian Jr.



Larry, Michelle & Colton Akin - January 26, 2020 at 11:28 PM

NG

“ So very sorry for your loss. A good man and a faithful servant! Good memories of James and Johnny all the way back to my teen years. Prayers and love to each of you!

nancy gibson - January 26, 2020 at 10:49 PM

RD

“ Jenny, I am so very sorry for the loss of your dad. Just know that we are here for you and are sending peace and prayers to you and your family.



Rebecca Drake - January 26, 2020 at 09:54 PM

SS

“ Stephen And Stacey Strong lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Thurston Christian Jr.



Stephen and Stacey Strong - January 26, 2020 at 08:26 PM

DD

“ Dixie Duncan lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Thurston Christian Jr.



Dixie Duncan - January 26, 2020 at 08:13 PM

JS

“ *Jesse And Genna Stewart lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Thurston Christian Jr.*



Jesse and Genna Stewart - January 26, 2020 at 07:02 PM

BP

“ *Billy & Sherry Penney lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Thurston Christian Jr.*



Billy & Sherry Penney - January 26, 2020 at 06:48 PM



“ *We are so sorry for your loss.
Mart and Cathy Hooper*

Cathy Hooper - January 26, 2020 at 06:21 PM

CB

“ *Connie Boatwright-Conner lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Thurston Christian Jr.*



Connie Boatwright-Conner - January 26, 2020 at 06:01 PM

DA

“ Donna J. Aaron lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Thurston Christian Jr.



Donna J. Aaron - January 26, 2020 at 04:49 PM

SH

“ Sonny & Jenny Hardy lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Thurston Christian Jr.



Sonny & Jenny Hardy - January 26, 2020 at 04:47 PM

TD

“ Terry & Jan Dorsey lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Thurston Christian Jr.



Terry & Jan Dorsey - January 26, 2020 at 01:44 PM

BH

“ Bob & Sue Henderson lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Thurston Christian Jr.



Bob & Sue Henderson - January 26, 2020 at 01:31 PM

WS

“ Wayne Sanders lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Thurston Christian Jr.



Wayne Sanders - January 26, 2020 at 12:08 PM

 Pam Smith

“ Pam Smith lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Thurston Christian Jr.



Pam Smith - January 26, 2020 at 10:27 AM

BH

“ Brent Hale lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Thurston Christian Jr.



Brent Hale - January 26, 2020 at 08:17 AM

GL

“ Geary Lee lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Thurston Christian Jr.



Geary Lee - January 26, 2020 at 07:52 AM



“ *So sorry for your loss.* ”

Heidi Bradshaw - January 25, 2020 at 10:25 PM